



RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE MAYOR TO UNDERTAKE AN EXPERIMENTAL AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECT UTILIZING SHIPPING CONTAINERS FOR HOUSING PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the lack of affordable housing is an enduring issue in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that the affordable housing problem is a complex one that must be addressed on a number of fronts using a variety of creative solutions; and

WHEREAS, in cities in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, and the Netherlands, shipping containers have been repurposed into living spaces; and

WHEREAS, in Vancouver, British Columbia, a shipping container housing development was built in the city's Downtown Eastside to provide homes for women escaping homelessness or unsafe housing; and

WHEREAS, in Detroit, Michigan, plans are being considered for an occupied shipping container homestead; and

WHEREAS, some of the advantages of shipping container housing include their strength, durability, availability of material, and cost; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 46-15, authorizes the mayor of each county to designate areas of land for experimental and demonstration housing projects, the purposes of which are to research and develop ideas that would reduce the cost of housing in the State; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that an experimental and demonstration housing project to explore the use of shipping containers for housing purposes would be beneficial in addressing the City's affordable housing problem; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Mayor is requested to undertake an experimental and demonstration project utilizing shipping containers for housing purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is further requested to explore the potential use of State land to undertake the project; and



CITY COUNCIL
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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and Managing Director.

INTRODUCED BY:

Ron Merritt

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JAN 23 2015

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers